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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA - UNDP'S FUTURE ROLE

SUMMARY: UNDP IS CURRENTLY ASSISTING SWAPO AND THE INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA. ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT UNDP PLANNING WOULD REQUIRE ADEQUATE MANDATE BUT UNDP IS THINKING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING AN OFFICE IN NAMIBIA AT THE APPROPRIATE STAGE. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION WITH UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE ON THE SUBJECT OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA, MISOFF FOLLOWED UP WITH OTHER UNDP STAFF MEMBERS AND LEARNED THAT UNDP IS PRESENTLY ASSISTING IN TWO WAYS:

- A. ASSISTANCE TO SWAPO

2. IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST NAMIBIANS TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENT, UNDP HAS FINANCED VARIOUS DEVELOPED-ORIENTED PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO IT BY SWAPO FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA, AS FOLLOWS:

- PROJECT NO. SWP/77/001 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

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- PROJECT NO. SWP/77/002 AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

- PROJECT NO. SWP/77/003 INFORMATION

- PROJECT NO. SWP/77/004 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- PROJECT NO. SWP/77/005 AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

- PROJECT NO. SWP/78/001 HOUSING TRAINING

- PROJECT NO. SWP/78/002 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

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3. THESE PROJECTS, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY ONGOING, ARE EXPECTED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO NAMIBIA WHEN IT BECOMES INDEPENDENT. THE TOTAL COST INVOLVED IN THESE PROJECTS IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.2 MILLION AND IS CHARGEABLE TO THE IPF FOR NLMS IN THE CURRENT CYCLE. REASON THAT UNDP IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE EXCLUSIVELY TO SWAPO IS BASED ON FACT THAT SWAPO IS ONLY LM RECOGNIZED BY OAU FOR NAMIBIA. UNDP ASSISTANCE TO SWAPO IS MONITORED EXACTLY THE SAME AS ALL OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS BUT, IN ADDITION, ONE PROGRAMME OFFICER AT UNDP HEADQUARTERS IS ASSIGNED SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL NLM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MONITORING PROJECTS IN THE FIELD.

- B. ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

4. TO FACILITATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN DEVELOPING A NATIONHOOD PROGRAMME FOR NAMIBIA, UNDP IS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA LOCATED IN ZAMBIA UNDER PROJECT NO. NAM/76/OO3. THE COST INVOLVED FOR UNDP IS \$3.75 MILLION AND IS CHARGED AGAINST THE NAMIBIA SECOND CYCLE IPF \$4.75 MILLION.

5. FURTHERMORE, FOLLOWING THE NATIONHOOD WORKSHOP WHICH
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WAS HELD IN MAY 1978 IN ZAMBIA, IN WHICH UNDP PARTICIPATED, 77 PRE-INDEPENDENCE PRIORITY PROJECTS WERE IDENTIFIED. WHILE UNDP'S FURTHER ASSISTANCE IS EXPECTED FOR THESE PROJECTS IN VIEW OF THE RECENT GOVERNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE OF \$3.0 MILLION IN THE IPF FOR NAMIBIA, THE REPORT ON THE NATIONHOOD WORKSHOP IS STILL UNDER REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. THE UNDP REGIONAL BUREAU FOR AFRICA IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AND AS SOON AS THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THESE PROJECTS IS GRANTED, UNDP WILL PROCEED WITH THE APPRAISAL AND APPROVAL OF THOSE PROJECTS REQUIRING UNDP ASSISTANCE WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT.

6. UNDP FEELS THAT IF IT IS TO TAKE ANY INDEPENDENT ACTION IN NAMIBIA, OUTSIDE OF THE NATIONHOOD PROGRAMME WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, IT WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF SUCH ACTION THROUGH THE SECRETARY GENERAL FROM THE APPROPRIATE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

7. UNDP ENVISAGES THAT IT MAY BE REQUESTED TO OPEN AN

OFFICE IN NAMIBIA AS SOON AS A GOVERNMENT IS SELECTED AND IT HAS BEGUN TO GIVE PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO THE VARIOUS FACTORS WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED SUCH AS INITIAL SIZE OF STAFF REQUIRED, COMPOSITION OF STAFF INCLUDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF COMPETENT SENIOR STAFF TO BE ASSIGNED TO NAMIBIA, LEVEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET RESOURCES NEEDED AND THE POSSIBLE FUNDS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN 1979 SINCE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR THAT YEAR IS ALREADY FIXED. NO FIRM CONCLUSIONS HAVE YET BEEN REACHED BUT AT LEAST THE PROCESS HAS STARTED.

8. POSSIBILITY OF UNDP PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE

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COORDINATION OF MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED SINCE THIS COULD AFFECT INTERNAL UNDP DECISIONS REGARDING SIZE OF OFFICE, NUMBER OF STAFF, ETC.

9. USUN UNDERSTANDS THAT UNDP AFRICA BUREAU IS IN CONTACT (INFORMALLY) WITH STACY OF USAID IN THE CONTEXT OF WHOLE SOUTHERN AFRICA SUB-REGION REGARDING POSSIBLE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO BE REQUESTED BY NAMIBIA.

10. USUN WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP UNDP ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA UNDER REVIEW. YOUNG

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